

Dear Families,

As a public school district, our top priority is making sure we provide safe, reliable, and equitable services for all students. In the past, we arranged our private school transportation schedule in a way that placed extra strain on our buses and drivers. For example, our buses waited until 4:30 p.m., more than an hour after the end of one of our schools, so that we could pick up private school students. While we were glad to help, this practice stretched our resources and created challenges for our district.

To better balance these needs, beginning this year, our buses will pick up private school students at 4:30 p.m. directly from the private school locations. This has been part of the ongoing conversations that we have had with the private schools since the spring. Even with this adjustment, we are continuing to provide transportation that goes beyond what the law requires. By law, we are only obligated to transport students who attend public schools or the nearest approved nonpublic school. Despite this, we will continue to serve multiple private school families because we value community and want to support all children to the best of our ability.

We appreciate your understanding as we work to use our resources wisely while still offering strong support to private school families. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure that all students in our community have safe and fair access to education.

With appreciation,

Kevin Taratuta

Chief Financial and Operations Officer